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Dear Hal:

Here is an update on my efforts regarding Oswald at Keesler.

After nearly ten years the Marine Corps has finally told me what1st Armor Amphibian Company notation on Oswalds Student Record means. According to them, he was attached to this Reserve unit only for record purposes and was not actually an active member of same. Futher inquiries of them as to what records were maintained by that unit and where they are have brought no response from the individual who answered my initial request. I have now made an FOIA request for any such records.

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Another request to Keesler AFB for the Student Records of all six Marines including Oswald again brought the initial reply that such records were destroyed ten years after the men had graduated from the course as per regulations. A follow-up letter with copy of Oswalds Student Record attached to show them that they weren't fooling anyone has caused the matter to be transfered to Randolph AFB which informed me that they will contact the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis in an effort to locate them. I allready know that they won't find Oswalds records there for they are in the care of the Commandant of the Marine Corps in Washington, D.C.

Daniel Powers who was one of the six marines in Oswalds Keesler group testified before the WC and read into the record information from his travel orders from Jacksonville to Keesler. The information contained in his testimony is in contrast to that published by the Government in the " official " Oswald service records. Powers testimony indicates that he reported to a different Squadron, took a different course and received a different MOS rating that Oswald and than he is shown to have in the Oswald service records published in the WC Exhibits. Today I have managed to trace Powers to a school in California but have not received any reply from the school or Powers as yet. Someone should get to him while he can still be gotten to.

Inquiries to the Defense Department, Marine Corps and Air Force as to the nature of the Keesler courses taken and MOS ratings given in the Official record and in Powers testimony have ment with no response to date. Is it possible that they might have screwed up here?

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Best regards,

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